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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2006 to which a reply within the shortened statutory period was due March 18, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment along with a Request for Continued Prosecution (RCE) and fee under 37 C.F.R. §114, as well as the enclosed Petition for Three Month Extension of Time. Applicants authorize the Office to charge the RCE fee and the Extension of Time fee for a small entity, as well as any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 502261.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.

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